

Date: July 5, 2005

To: Chairman Randolph, and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin and Remy

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting.

A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

Senior Enforcement Counsel Bill Williams has been promoted to Assistant Division Chief. Bill will provide management and subject matter expertise to Enforcement Chief John Appelbaum, and will help to triage the enforcement caseload, moving cases either to timely closure, or full investigation and timely prosecution based on the Division's limited resources. I wish to thank Bill for his willingness to take on this new role, while continuing to handle cases himself. Bill has been a great addition to the Enforcement Division, where he has handled some of the most difficult and important cases over the past several years.

Longtime Political Reform Consultant II Jeanette Turvill has agreed to a transfer to the Enforcement Division where she will assume the intake duties previously performed by Linda Denly, who left for a position with the Attorney General's Office. Jeanette will be a great replacement for Linda's incredible knowledge base. I thank Jeanette for her willingness to transfer and look forward to the valuable contributions she will make to the Enforcement Program.

The Administration Division has hired Tina Bass to manage the Commission's fiscal services program after Sherri Stock's departure last month. Among the several budget-related positions Tina has held in state service, she was once the Department of Finance analyst assigned to the Commission's budget, so her expertise will be a great asset to us.

Executive Fellow Theis Finlev, whose fellowship ends in July, has accepted a position with California Common Cause. Theis will work from the Sacramento office as a legislative advocate, and serve as liaison to the FPPC and Secretary of State's Office. I wish to thank Theis for his excellent work in the media, regulatory and legislative programs, and only hope that we provided him as positive an experience as he has us. Congratulations, Theis!

B. STAFF PROJECTS

General Counsel Luisa Menchaca and Joan Gianetta of the Legal Division attended a training session provided by the State Attorney General's Office on electronic evidence.

Enforcement Division Chief John Appelbaum attended a meeting of the California District Attorneys Association on June 28, 2005.

The Public Education Unit is handling media inquiries with the assistance of Executive Fellow Theis Finlev, and has published the latest edition of the *Bulletin*.

C. APPROVAL OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

18750.1

California Commission for Economic Development
Feather River Air Quality Management District
School for Integrated Academics and Technologies (charter school)
Western Municipal Water District

D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to regulation 18361, I have found evidence in the following cases sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that the following respondents committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The respondents are presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding**

In the Matter of De Anza College, FPPC No. 02/363. On June 8, 2005, probable cause was found to believe that in November 1999, Respondent De Anza College made a \$75,000 contribution to a local ballot measure committee, Citizens for Foothill-De Anza, a Committee to Support Measure E, in the name of the De Anza Associated Student Body, instead of its own name, in violation of Government Code section 84301 (one count); and failed to file a semi-annual campaign statement, by January 31, 2000, for the reporting period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999, in violation of Government Code section 84200, subdivision (b) (one count).

E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

The following state candidate committees were granted extensions:

Strickland for Assembly (962605). A request for extension was granted until September 1, 2005.